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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, SHUM, CG

SUBJECT: AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN HOSTILE-HELD TERRITORY

1. DEPT RECEIVING INCREASED NUMBER IMQUIRIES (INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL) REGARDING WELFARE AMERICAN MISSIONARIES BEING HELD IN KAPANGA AND SANDOA. FAMILY OF GAYE RADFORD IN TRINITY, NORTH CAROLINA, ESPECIALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH MISSIONARIES IN KAPANGA SINCE APRIL 15 AND GAYE FIVE-MONTHS PREGANT.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES, N.Y., THAT METHODIST MISSION HAS REQUESTED INTERVENTION OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF MISSIONARIES. ACCORDING TO BOARD REP, IRC REPRESENTATIVE IN KINSHASA, URICH BEDENTA, INSTRUCTED ASK GOZ PERMISSION GO TO KOLWEZI AND REQUEST GOVERNMENT ENSURE SAFETY OF MISSIONARY PERSONNEL, HOSPITALS, AND  
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OTHER FACILITIES IN FAZ COUNTEROFFENSIVE. BOARD REP CLAIMS GOZ DENIED BEDERTA PERMISSION TRAVEL TO KOLWEZI AND EXPELLED HIM FROM COUNTRY.

3. IF YOU THINK ADVISABLE, EMBASSY MIGHT REITERATE TO GOZ OUR CONCERN FATE OF MISSIONARIES AND SUGGEST GOZ,

AS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT, SEEK INTERVENTION OF IRC IN  
EVACUATING MISSIONARIES FROM HOSTILE-HELD TERRITORY  
BEFORE FIGHTING SPREADS TO KAPANGA OR SANDOA.

4. DEPT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WITH WHICH  
IT COULD REASSURE RELATIVES OF THOSE STILL IN  
KATANGAN-HELD TERRITORY. CHRISTOPHER

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